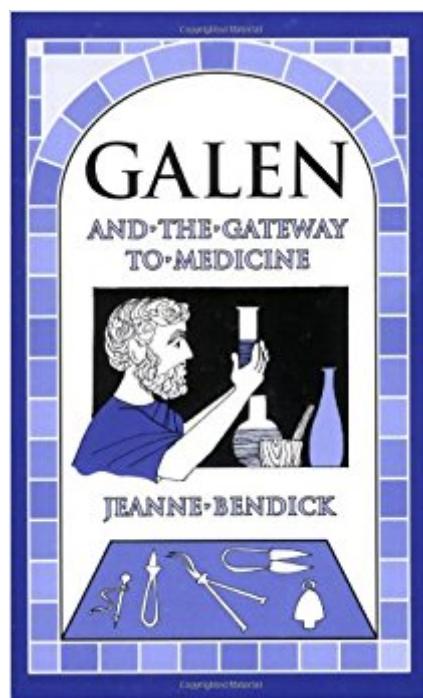


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When I read her Archimedes title, I was surprised that a book I bought for my kids captured my imagination as well. Even now several months later, I remember the story of his irrigation screw, how Archimedes used pulleys to move a ship, how he figured out that the king's crown was not pure gold, and his invention of more advanced weaponry to protect his city. This story of Galen was not quite as engaging or memorable, or perhaps it's just because I had higher expectations at this point? All I remember from the story after reading it several days ago is that Galen was an amazing physician, an authority for many centuries, and all the ways ancient medicine was wrong (four humors, how the left and right chambers of the heart were connected, etc). Perhaps it's because medicine was less accessible to Galen than physics was to Archimedes - but I didn't enjoy this book as much as Archimedes.

I had my 12 year son read this book for ancient world history because he loved the Archimedes book. He said it was an interesting, but sometimes boring historical read. He believes it was written for older students who are more familiar with scientific and biological terms. That is why he would rate it 4 stars.

My nine-year-old really likes this book. He also read one of her other books....Archimedes and the Door to Science and really liked that one too.

I bought this for my 11 y.o. son for our reading time (home school). We both enjoyed reading about this fascinating character from history. The flow of the book as well as the organization made the large amounts of information easy to digest. Follows Galen through his life, then continues on to look at those who eventually disproved his key ideas. Highly recommend.

Used for homeschooling lesson. Easy to read and a great biography!

This biography of Galen is packed with information but very easy to understand. We read it for our homeschool science class on famous scientists.

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